

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An optical disk, comprising:
a label region on the optical disk comprising a writeable material; and
a plurality of substantially identical disk speed features, located to be readable when writing the label region, to convey disk speed data without use of any other features on the optical disk.
2. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the label region is on a label side of the optical disk.
3. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the disk speed features are configured to deflect incoming light.
4. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the optical disk includes a data side and a label side.
5. (Currently amended) ~~The optical disk of claim 1, additionally comprising:~~ An optical disk, comprising:
a label region on the optical disk comprising a writeable material;
disk speed features, located to be readable when writing the label region, to convey disk speed data; and
disk angular orientation features different from the disk speed features, located to be readable when writing to the label side, to convey disk angular orientation data.

6. (Currently amended) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk speed features define a first annular ring and the disk angular orientation features define a second, different annular ring, the rings configured for reading by an encoder.

7. (Original) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk angular orientation features are defined in a mirror region of the label side of the optical disk.

8. (Original) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk angular orientation features are molded.

9. (Original) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk angular orientation features comprise markings within the label region.

10. (Currently amended) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk speed features are molded.

11. (Currently amended) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein at least one of the disk speed features or the disk angular orientation features are printed.

12. (Currently amended) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk angular orientation features comprise a surface, distinct from the [[OPU-]]writable material, having markings to indicate disk angular orientation.

13. (Original) The optical disk of claim 12, wherein the markings comprise a molded saw tooth to deflect light from a sensor.

14. (Original) The optical disk of claim 12, wherein the markings comprise interspersed areas with and without molded pits.

15. (Original) The optical disk of claim 12, wherein molded pits define a light-deflecting feature.

16. (Original) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein the disk speed features and the disk angular orientation features are combined into an annular ring of features to convey the disk speed data and the angular orientation data.

17. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the disk speed features are molded in a mirror region of the optical disk.

18. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the disk speed features comprise a molded saw tooth to deflect light from a sensor.

19. (Original) The optical disk of claim 1, wherein the disk speed features comprise interspersed areas with and without molded pits.

20. (Currently amended) A method of making an optical disk, comprising:
molding a plurality of substantially identical disk speed features configured to be viewed during labeling of the optical disk;
defining disk angular orientation features, different from the disk speed features, configured to be viewed during labeling of the optical disk; and
coating a label region on the label side of the optical disk with an OPU-writable coating.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein molding disk speed features comprises

formation of a saw tooth feature.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein molding disk speed features comprises formation of areas of pits interspersed with areas having no pits.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein defining the disk angular orientation features comprises defining optically readable indicia on a planar surface of the optical disk.

24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein defining the disk angular orientation features comprises molding disk angular orientation features into the optical disk.

25. (New) The optical disk of claim 5, wherein at least some of the disk angular orientation features are of different sizes.

26. (New) The optical disk of claim 6, wherein the first and the second annular rings are disposed at different radial positions on the disk.

27. (New) The optical disk of claim 6, wherein the first and the second annular rings are radially adjacent on the disk.

28. (New) The optical disk of claim 6, wherein the first and the second annular rings are radially contiguous on the disk.

29. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the disk speed features define a first annular ring and the disk angular orientation features define a second, different annular ring.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the first and the second annular rings are

disposed at different radial positions on the disk.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the first and the second annular rings are radially contiguous on the disk.

32. (New) An optical disk, comprising:
a label region on the optical disk comprising a writeable material; and
a plurality of substantially identical disk speed features, located to be readable when writing the label region to convey disk speed data, wherein each of the disk speed features is substantially equally spaced from two adjacent others of the disk speed features in an annular ring located at a particular radial position on the disk.